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SUBJECT: SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 5082, (B) DOD IR 6 804 0194 76,
(C) BUENOS AIRES 5160

1. ON 9 AUGUST 1976, THE WATCH COMMITTEE WAS CONVENED BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DETERMINE WHAT, IF ANY, SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, TO INCLUDE THE 22ND, WHICH IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRELEW INCIDENT.

2. A GENERAL DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE CONCERNING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REFTELS AND SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION PRODUCED BY THE RSO INDICATING POSSIBLE ATTACHES ON THE EMBASSY'S SECURITY GUARD SERVICE. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED ON THE FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE CHARGE:

A) REINSTITUTE ADDITIONAL MOBILE PATROL SERVICES IN THE SUBURBS AND FEDERAL CAPITAL. THIS WILL CONSTITUTE THE AUGMENTING OF THE PATROL SERVICES IN THE SUBURBS BY TWO CARS AND THE FEDERAL CAPITAL BY ONE CAR. THE AUGMENTED SERVICES WILL COVER AN 8-DAY PERIOD BEGINNING 0700 HOURS AUG 16 THROUGH 2300 HOURS AUG 23, 1976. IN ADDITION TO STEPPED UP PATROL PROCEDURES, VEHICLES WILL PROVIDE ESCORT

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SERVICES FROM DOMICILES TO MAJOR ARTERIES.

B) ALL MILGRP AND DAO PERSONNEL WHO AT PRESENT HAVE
A STATIC GUARD POST WILL HAVE THIS POST EXTENDED TO COVER
A COMPLETE 24-HOUR PERIOD, FROM 16 TO 23 AUGUST, 1976,

C) ALL POST PERSONNEL WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW
ROUTINE SECURITY PROCEDURES OF VARIATION OF SCHEULDE,
ROUTES, REDUCTION OF SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS, VARIATION OF
RECREATION ACTIVITIES, ETC.

3. COST OF TEMPORARY SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WILL
BE BILLED TO SPECIFIC AGENCIES AND/OR SAS AS APPROPRIATE.
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